

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: PEOPLES NATURAL GAS COMPANY, DIVISION OF UTILICORP UNITED INC.	DOCKET NO. RFU-99-10
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ORDER APPROVING REFUND PLAN

(Issued May 3, 2001)

On April 9, 2001, Peoples Natural Gas Company, Division of UtiliCorp United Inc. (Peoples), filed a proposed refund plan with the Utilities Board (Board). The refund plan relates to reimbursements from Northern Natural Gas Company for costs at the Carlton receipt point and a refund of Kansas ad valorem taxes. The reimbursement of costs at the Carlton receipt point results from the higher costs at the Carlton receipt point. The Kansas ad valorem tax refund is the result of a settlement of litigation at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The Carlton receipt point reimbursement totals \$259,329 and the ad valorem tax refund for Iowa is \$4,825. This amounts to approximately \$0.70 for the average residential customer.

Subrule 199 IAC 19.10(8) allows Peoples to retain the refund and include it in the next annual reconciliation if it is less than \$5. Peoples proposes to retain the reimbursement and refund. The monies will be returned to sales and transportation customers through the annual purchased gas adjustment reconciliation (PGA).

The Board finds that the proposed retention of the ad valorem tax refund and Carlton receipt point reimbursement by Peoples until the next PGA reconciliation complies with Board rules and is reasonable. The refund plan will be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The refund plan filed by Peoples Natural Gas Company, Division of UtiliCorp United Inc., on April 9, 2001, is approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 3rd day of May, 2001.